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1. PRESS ACCOUNTS HAVE PROVIDED GLOSSES ON SOME OF THE MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL). SPEAKING ON THE RECORD WITH JOURNALISTS, FONMIN OREJA SAID SPAIN'S PRESENCE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE IMPORTANT AND THAT IT WILL BE SOMETHING TO STUDY (BUT) IT WILL NOT BE PROPOSED BEFORE 1978. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS A "DOMINANT IMPRESSION" IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES THAT THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION WOULD BE SHIFTED FROM THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. OREJA WAS ALSO QUOTED AS DENYING ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE PLO'S ARAFAT TO VISIT SPAIN, BUT AS ANNOUNCING THAT FAROUK QUADDUMI (VARIOUSLY BILLED IN THE PRESS HERE
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AS THE PLO'S NUMBER 2 OR AS THE INFORMATION OR POLITICAL CHIEF), WHITH WHOM OREJA MET IN CAIRO, WOULD COME TO MADRID VERY SOON.

3. REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION, WE NOTE THAT DESPITE COMMENTS SUGGESTING SPAIN HAD RECENTLY TILTED FURTHER IN THE ARABS' DIRECTION, THE JOINT JORDANIAN-

SPANISH COMMUNIQUE DID NOT TAKE THE GOS BEYOND PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED POSITIONS. THE TWO KINGS "REAFFIRMED THE URGENCY OF REACHING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THAT REGION, BASED ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN JUNE 1967 AND ON THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION."

4. SIMILARLY, TALKING WITH REPORTERS, OREJA STRESSED THE REASONS OF PRINCIPLE BLOCKING SPAIN'S "TENDENCY" TOWARD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AND HE STATED "WITHIN OUR HORIZON IS THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. FOR THAT, HOWEVER, A PRIOR CHANGE IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE NECESSARY. CONCRETELY, THE RETURN OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT FOR A LONG TIME IT WAS ISRAEL THAT REFUSED TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AND THAT IN 1976 THERE OCCURRED AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE ZONE. A VARIATION IN SPANISH CRITERIA NOW COULD MEAN A KIND OF LEGITIMIZATION OF THE OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES BY FORCE."

5. OREJA WAS ALSO QUOTED AS EXPRESSING THE "CONVICTION THAT RESOLUTION 242 OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD CHANGE ITS TERMS AND REFER EXPLICITLY TO PALESTINIAN RIGHTS."

6. COMMENT: WITH REGARD TO MOVING THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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